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INDIAN LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the context of globalization and explosion of Information Technology, the Indian languages are at a disadvantageous position due to lack of adequate software;

(b) whether it is likely to lead to a stage where the Indian languages are likely to lose their rightful place; and

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to take any initiative in this direction to equip the Indian Languages with necessary technology to meet the new situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a), (b) & (c): The Government fully recognizes the importance of linking Indian Languages with the latest tools of Information Technology.

Several initiatives to keep Indian Languages up to date with the Information Technology revolution have already been taken by the Government of India through its several agencies. Adequate Software and specialized projects in different Indian languages have been and continue to be developed by organizations like the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, the Indian Institutes of Technology, Centre for the Development of Advanced Computing, Pune, the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, etc. Besides, the private sector is also actively involved in the field.